

# RHODE ISLAND

## TOTAL POPULATION

1 mil

## NUMBER OF ASHA AUDIOLOGISTS

50

1 provides Multilingual Services

## NUMBER OF ASHA SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

781

43 provide Multilingual Services



Making effective communication,  
a human right, accessible and  
achievable for all.

## DEFINING THE PROFESSIONALS



**Audiologists** specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiology treatment, including hearing aids.



**Speech-language pathologists (SLPs)** identify, assess, and treat speech, language, cognitive communication, and swallowing disorders.

Audiologists and SLPs provide treatment to people of all ages, from infants to older adults.

## NATIONAL AND STATE DATA

About 15%

Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

About 7%

Americans have some form of language impairment.

From 2020–2030, Rhode Island is expected to see ...

DEMAND DATA FOR  
AUDIOLOGISTS  
ARE NOT AVAILABLE

21%

INCREASE IN  
DEMAND FOR  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGISTS

## EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND



2

higher education institutions with communication sciences and disorders degree program in the state.

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Rhode Island?



EDUCATION  
FACILITIES

7% Audiologists  
59% SLPs



HEALTH CARE  
FACILITIES

82% Audiologists  
35% SLPs



OTHER  
FACILITIES

11% Audiologists  
6% SLPs

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## ABOUT US

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 234,000 members, certificate holders, and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology assistants; and students.



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